



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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Division of Remediation Management
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Illinois EPA

Mr. Everetts:

This is to request for Illinois EPA to identify the State's appropriate, relevant, and applicable requirements (ARARs) for the Former North Suburban Cleaners Site, located at 7620-22 Dempster St. Morton Grove, Cook County, 60053.

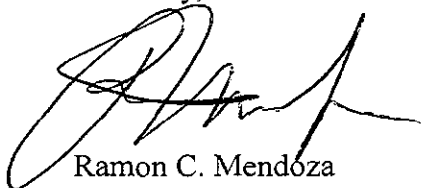
The former North Suburban Cleaners operated from approximately 1965 until 2008, when dry cleaning machines and stored solvents were removed. The space is now an Indian grocery store. Investigations in 2014 by the owner indicated elevated soil gas levels such as tetrachloroethylene up to 43,000 mg/m³. No action was taken by the owner in spite of being in the state's site remediation program since 2004.

We received your request to conduct a time-critical removal assessment and possible removal action dated April 20, 2016, and conducted our site assessment on site from May through July 2016. During the site assessment we observed evidence of elevated soil gas (VOCs, related to dry cleaning) in the sub-slab areas onsite which are above the EPA screening levels. We also collected indoor air samples in the surrounding homes and did not find elevated levels of VOCs related to dry cleaning chemicals.

The results of the site assessment are documented in the attached Site Assessment Report (data validation reports not included).

We would like to receive the ARARs response from you within the next 30 days from the date of this letter. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 312-886-4314 or at Mendoza.ramon@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Site File

Attached: Final Site Assessment Report. North Suburban Cleaners Site Sept. 2016. (version does not include data validation packages).